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Mr. Jeff Morales, Director
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Attention: Federal Resources Office, Room 3500
For Kris Balaji, Federal Programming

Dear Mr. Morales:

SUBJECT: FY 2002/03-2004/05 FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 5 (NON-MPO AREAS)

We have completed our review of Amendment No. 5 to the non-urbanized portion of California's 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). This FSTIP amendment proposes programming modifications to the grouped listing for eligible National Scenic Byways Program projects that are proposed at locations outside the planning boundaries of the designated Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in California. Specifically, this amendment adds the Volcanic Legacy Discovery Center, and the implementation of the Volcanic Legacy Byway Corridor Management Plan, to the FSTIP grouped project listing.

We accept this amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and find that it was developed through a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process in accord with the statewide planning provisions of 23 USC 135. The changes proposed to the FSTIP by this amendment are for projects located in areas of the State of California that are designated as attainment or unclassified for Federal air quality standards and, as a consequence, are not subject to the requirement that a conformity determination be made. These findings have been coordinated with the Region IX office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and, pursuant to procedures outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding on single mode transportation improvement program (TIP) amendments dated March 8, 1996, the Regional office of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

This letter constitutes joint Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration approval for inclusion of FSTIP Amendment No. 5 into California's 2002/03-2004/05 FSTIP.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary N. Hamby', is written over a horizontal line.

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